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SUBJECT: HONDURAN DELEGATION VISITS GUATEMALA

1. HIGH-LEVEL HONDURAN DELEGATION ARRIVED ON EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE MORNING OF APRIL 24. DELEGATION COMPOSED OF COL. MARIO CACERES CHINCHILLA, MINISTER OF DEFENSE; CHANCELLOR VIRGILIO GALVUEZ; COL. MARIO LEONEL FONSECA, DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY; COL. MARCO TULIO RIVERA, DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF AVIATION; AND COL. EFRAIN GONZALEZ MUNOZ, SUBSECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT. THE DELEGATION WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY PRESIDENT LAUGERUD, FONMIN MOLINA, DEFENSE MINISTER RUBIO, AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF LUCAS. THE TWO DELEGATIONS MET FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS.

2. IN COMMENTS TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING THE CLOSED-DOOR MEETINGS, HONDURAN FONMIN GALVEZ DENIED THAT THE BANANA BRIBE HAD PROMPTED THE APRIL 22 OVERTHROWN OF LOPEZ ARELLANO. HE ADDED THAT "THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE OF

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GOVERNMENT, BUT MERELY A RESTRUCTURING OF THE ARMY AND

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION."

3. WHEN GUATEMALAN FONOMIN MOLINA WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE PRESS, HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD "REITERATED THAT BOTH HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR SHOULD SEE IN US A BRIDGE OF FRIENDSHIP (WHICH WILL AID THEM) TO ARRIVE AT ADEQUATE SOLUTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE CONFLICT WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES."

4. AT MEETING BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND FONMIN MOLINA THE MORNING OF APRIL 25, MOLINA CONFIRMED THAT THE HONDURANS' MAIN POINT IN THE CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN THE CONTINUITY OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT. THE HONDURANS POINTED OUT THAT THE "RESTRUCTURING" OF THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEGUN BEFORE "THE BANANAGATE," AS THEY CALLED IT, AND THAT LOPEZ' REMOVAL HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ALLEGED BRIBERY. THE HONDURANS REITERATED THEIR DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH GUATEMALA AND FOR A SOLUTION TO THE HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFICS WERE MENTIONED ON THE LATTER POINT. NO DATE FOR RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR WAS DISCUSSED. THE HONDURANS HAD RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO A GUATEMALAN INITIATIVE REGARDING THE NEED TO RESTRUCTURE THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET. IN TURN GUATEMALA GAVE THE HONDURANS ASSURANCE OF ITS DESIRE FOR CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS.
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